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TO ALL QCWA CHAPTERS, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 1985 IS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE QCWA NOMINATING COMMITTEE, APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT STUART MEYER, HAS THE DUTY OF PROVIDING A SLATE OF CANDIDATES. FOR THE YEAR 1985 WE WILL BE ELECTING A PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND TREASURER AND FIVE DIRECTORS.

CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES OF PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND TREASURER HAVE BEEN FOUND. SEVERAL OF THE PRESENT OFFICERS HAVE INDICATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE TO SERVE QCWA IF NOMINATED AND ELECTED. THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WISHES TO ENCOURAGE NOMINATION OF ADDED CANDIDATES AND WILL ACCEPT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MEMBERSHIP AND FROM CHAPTERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE ADDED CANDIDATES ON THE TICKET.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REQUESTS YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AND COOPERATION IN PROVIDING AS MANY CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICER AND DIRECTOR POSITIONS AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE PROVIDE A RESUME' AND SMALL HEAD & SHOULDERS PHOTOGRAPH OF EACH RECOMMENDED CANDIDATE. REMEMBER, ALL CANDIDATES MUST HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF QCWA FOR AT LEAST THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING TWO YEARS AND MUST BE WILLING AND CAPABLE OF ATTENDING ALL CALLED MEETING AND FUNCTIONS AT HIS OR HER OWN EXPENSE. (REASONABLE EXPENSES ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE). THE ONLY OTHER REQUIREMENT IS YOUR DESIRE TO SERVE YOUR FELLOW-MEMBERS AND HELP TO PERPETUATE OUR EVER GROWING ASSOCIATION.

YOUR IMMEDIATE ACTION IS REQUESTED SINCE WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE OUR SLATE OF CANDIDATES COMPLETED IN TIME FOR SUBMISSION TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION MEETING AT HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT, SEPTEMBER 21-23, 1984. WRITTEN CONFIRMATION SHOULD BE IN MY HANDS BY SEPTEMBER 1st, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE TIME FOR ANY FOLLOW UP THAT MAY BE REQUIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ANY ASSISTANCE YOU MAY PROVIDE.

WE WISH TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT NOMINATIONS MAY ALSO BE MADE BY MEMBERSHIP PETITION SIGNED BY AT LEAST 50 MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING. SUCH NOMINATIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE QCWA SECRETARY BY DECEMBER 31, 1984. AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS PROCEDURE WILL APPEAR IN THE FALL ISSUE OF QCWA NEWS, DUE TO MEMBERS ABOUT SEPTEMBER 1, 1984.

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/s/ FRANK LESTER, W4AMJ, Chairman QCWA Nominating Committee
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To all QCWA Chapters and Members: I was appointed by the President of QCWA to serve as chairman of an ad hoc committee to study the VEC program, and to determine how QCWA could serve. I have made my report to the board and at the suggestion of the President, I am making this report to the membership:

Briefly, the FCC proposed that all future licensing of radio amateurs will be conducted by amateurs--the FCC will no longer give examinations except on rare occasions. Volunteer Examination Coordinators (VECs') will be appointed in the different FCC districts (basically the 10 call areas plus U.S. territories and Alaska and Hawaii). As of this writing, there have been VECs appointed in all the call areas with exception of a few, and those slots will be taken care of soon. The VEC (or VECs because there can be more than one for a call area) works with Extra Class amateurs in their call areas to give examinations. A minimum of three Extra Class amateurs are required to give an exam. How can QCWA help in this program? There are many ways. However, before making recommendations I feel I should mention ARRL's role and what is happening.

The VEC program was originally instituted at the recommendation of the ARRL, not the FCC. It is expected that the FCC will release rules for the apportionment of the $4 fee that can be charged by the VEC and examiners to cover out of pocket expenses. As stated before, there are several VECs already in operation and arranging for examinations to be given. The Dayton Amateur Radio Association has already given exams in several parts of the 8th call area as has the Metroplex Association in the 2nd call area. Our hats are off to those organizations who put the welfare of amateur radio at the head of their list of priorities.

HOW WE CAN PARTICIPATE

The VEC program is an excellent opportunity for QCWA to contribute to amateur radio in a powerful and meaningful way. We have chapters in just about every area of our Country and I am sure that all of them have at least three Extra Class amateurs as members. I know that if I were just starting out and were taking an exam, I would be awfully proud to say that I took my examination before the Quarter Century Wireless Association!

The process is fairly simple to set up examinations. Any chapter interested in taking part would write to the area VEC who would provide the examination information and materials. In fact, some chapters may be even interested in taking on the role of VEC and QCWA will help in every way possible. Momentarily, I expect to receive the names and addresses of all current VECs and will forward that information to QCWA Headquarters for inclusion in connection with this bulletin.

There has been some concern about maintaining the integrity of the amateur examination program if it is conducted by amateurs. Stop and ask yourselves how important it is for an organization like QCWA to maintain high standards in our hobby. Unlike any other National organization, we have unquestioned honesty, our goals are strictly in the interests of amateur radio, and most important, we have the tools to do the job.

If you have any questions, my address is as follows. I will be happy and pleased to hear from you.

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VECs AUTHORIZED AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION:

Region 1 (1st call area) No assignment

Region 2 (2nd call area) Metroplex Amateur Communications Assoc., P. O. Box 237, Leonia, NJ 07605

Region 3 (3rd call area) Laurel Amateur Radio Club, Inc., P. O. Box 3039, Laurel, MD 20708

Region 4 (4th call area) VEC Region IV, Inc., P. O. Box 2411, Knoxville, TN 37901

Central Alabama VEC, 606 Tremont Str., Selma, AL 36701

Western Carolina Amateur Radio Society, P. O. Box 1488, Ashville, NC 28802

Region 5 (5th call area) Dallas Amateur Radio Club, P. O. Box 173, Dallas, TX 75221

Region 6 (6th call area) Greater LA Amateur Radio Group, c/o Steven L. Shafit, NE6L, 21921 Lanark Str., #201, Canoga Park, CA 91304

San Diego County Amateur Radio Council, SANDARC, P. O. Box 82641, San Diego, CA 92138

Region 7 (7th Call area) Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Association, P. O. Box 3707, Seattle, WA 98124

Region 8 (8th call area) Dayton Amateur Radio Assoc., P. O. Box 44, Dayton, OH 45401

Region 9 (9th call area) DeVry Amateur Radio Assoc., 3300 North Campbell Ave., Chicago, IL 60618

Region 10 (zero call area) No assignment

Region 11 (Alaska) Anchorage Amateur Radio Club., P. O. Box 101987, Anchorage, AK 99510

Region 12 (Carribean Insular Areas) Director, MARS, P. O. Box 7388, Cidra, Puerto Rico, 00639

Note: There are more than one VEC in some regions...use the closest one to you!

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